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APPLICANT: HEIMES ET AL 1

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TITLE: PROCESS FOR MACHINING A WAFER-LIKE WORKPIECE

SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Dear Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Examiner the attached Information Disclosure Statement, duly signed by Dr. Wolfgang Staudacher, and the 1 reference listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto. These references were cited in the Office Action of the German Patent and Trademark Office.

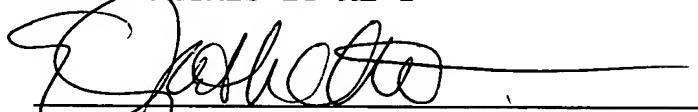
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It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered and placed into the application file.

Respectfully submitted,
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3) 1 Ref.

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Sir or Madam:

I, Wolfgang Staudacher, associated with the preparation and prosecution of the above-identified application, residing at Seebauerstraße 4, 81735 München, Germany, wish to call the attention of the Patent Examiner to the references enumerated on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

I believe the documents enumerated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto, are cited in the enclosed application as well as in the Office Action of the German Patent and Trademark Office and may be material to the examination of the application.

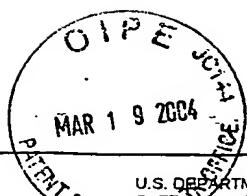
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I wish to comment as follows concerning the prior art references enumerated on PTO Form-1449:

For JP 05 177 534 A an English Patent Abstract of Japan is enclosed (cited in the application as well as in the German Office Action).

Signed this 7th day of July, 2003.


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